

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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Applicant: Commissioner of Police

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| Classification: | Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. |
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 25 November 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 19 November 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image depicts a female engaged in solo sexual activity. The Classification Office considered whether the subject presents as a young person and concluded that she does not. While some aspects of her appearance are youthful, she does not unequivocally present as a young person and could easily be a young adult. Nevertheless, the unrestricted availability of the image is likely to be injurious to the public good. There is a common social consensus that explicit sexual material should be limited to adults because of the potential for harm to the developing sexual attitudes and behaviours of young people from premature exposure to such material. This image file is therefore restricted to adults. While this restriction limits the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, it is a reasonable restriction in the interest of preventing injury to the public good.